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# Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

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	Involved Employee							
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### Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

### INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: On-duty hit shooting

IAB FILE NUMBERS: SH 2368395

URN#: 014-13328-0284-055

DATE/TIME: October 8, 2014, 0058 hours

LOCATION: East Olympic Blvd., East Los Angeles

On October 8, 2014, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Richard Harpham, Sergeant Sonja Bracken, and Sergeant Eric Eitner responded to East Los Angeles Station regarding an on-duty hit shooting. The shooting resulted in the hospitalization of Suspect Eduardo Romero.

On December 21, 2015, this case was reassigned to Sergeant

Sergeant Jeff Cochran and Detective Gene Morse from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the shooting investigation. For further information, refer to the Homicide case book under URN #014-13328-0284-055 **[EXHIBIT A]**.

IAB Lieutenant Richard Harpham checked to see that the Watch Commander, Lieutenant Andrew Cruz, took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved parties and witnesses did not discuss the incident amongst themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. Lieutenant Harpham also ensured that Lieutenant Cruz knew that the aforementioned parties should not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, Lieutenant Harpham checked to see if Lieutenant Cruz attempted to have the involved parties and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

### **SYNOPSIS**

On Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at approximately 0058 hours, Deputies Edwardo Sanchez and Eva Robles were in full Sheriff's Department uniform, while driving in a marked black and white patrol car. Deputy Sanchez was driving and Deputy Robles was sitting in the front passenger seat. They were driving westbound on

Olympic Boulevard approaching Fraser Avenue, when they observed four male Hispanics, who were walking westbound. Two males were walking together on the north sidewalk and the other two males were walking on the south sidewalk.

As Deputies Sanchez and Robles neared the two males on the north sidewalk, Deputy Robles illuminated the males with the spotlight located on the passenger side of the patrol car. Upon being illuminated by the spotlight, both males turned and looked at the deputies. One of the males, described as wearing a black and white striped shirt and a backpack (hereinafter referred to as Suspect ), grabbed his waistband with his right hand and ran westbound on the sidewalk. As they followed and focused on Suspect who ran, the deputies lost sight of the second male, described as wearing a black hoodie (hereinafter referred to as Suspect Eduardo Romero).

Suspect ran west on Olympic Boulevard, just past Fraser Avenue. He then turned around and ran east on Olympic Boulevard, back to Fraser Avenue. He then ran north on Fraser Avenue. The deputies, who were still inside their patrol car, followed Suspect northbound on Fraser Avenue.

The deputies observed Suspect run north and meet up with Suspect Romero, who was standing in the mouth of the east/west alley between Fraser Avenue and Clela Avenue, on the east side of Fraser Avenue. Both deputies saw Suspect retrieve an unknown object from the waistband area of the front of his person and hand it to Suspect Romero. Suspect Romero took possession of the object and concealed it in the waistband area of the front of his person. Following the exchange, Suspect ran northbound on Fraser Avenue and out of view. Suspect Romero ran eastbound through the alley, towards Clela Avenue, while the deputies followed him in their patrol car. Both deputies described Suspect Romero as holding his waistband while he was running.

Suspect Romero ran east through the alley and then northeast through a chained off parking lot, north of the alley. The deputies drove east, approaching Clela Avenue, never losing sight of Suspect Romero. Midway through the parking lot, Suspect Romero turned and made eye contact with the deputies. They observed Suspect Romero double back and run southwest, back to the alley. The deputies drove westbound in reverse, toward Suspect Romero.

When the deputies were within twelve to fifteen feet of Suspect Romero, he doubled back again and ran eastbound, past the passenger side of their patrol vehicle. Suspect Romero was now in front of the marked patrol car. Deputy Sanchez stopped, put their patrol car into drive and drove eastbound, continuing to follow Suspect Romero. The deputies saw Suspect Romero stumble or trip, while he was running east.

Deputy Sanchez drove their radio car up to what they believed was two to three feet west of Suspect Romero. As Suspect Romero was getting up to his feet, he

removed a revolver from the front waistband of his person. The deputies were seated inside their marked patrol car when they saw the gun. Deputy Robles and Deputy Sanchez alerted each other to Suspect Romero's gun, while they were exiting their patrol car. Suspect Romero turned to his right and pointed the revolver toward Deputy Robles, who was positioned behind the passenger side door of the patrol car.

Deputy Robles, fearing for her own life, as well as the life of her partner, fired a total of eight rounds from her department issued Beretta 92F. Deputy Sanchez, fearing for his life, as well as the life of his partner, fired a total of seven rounds from his department issued Smith and Wesson M&P.

An "RG" .38 special revolver, loaded with two live rounds was recovered at the scene of the shooting.

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the shooting of Eduardo Romero, by Deputies Eva Robles and Edwardo Sanchez. In their letter of opinion **[EXHIBIT B]**, dated May 20, 2015, Deputy District Attorney Ann Marie Wise concluded Deputies Robles and Sanchez acted lawfully in self-defense.

### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY**

Eva Robles, Deputy Sheriff, # Central Patrol Division East Los Angeles Station

### Work History

Date of Employment:

Date Assigned to Patrol/East Los Angeles Station: <u>December 1, 2</u>013

Date Completed Patrol Training:

Prior Shooting incident(s):

Prior Founded Force Incidents:

# June 27, 2007 December 1, 2013

### Equipment Worn On Person

Long sleeve "Class A" uniform with patches on both shoulders, bullet resistant vest, badge, name badge, green pants, and black boots.

Gun belt, two magazines, Taser, radio, collapsible baton, two sets of handcuffs, keys, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray, department issued Beretta 9MM 92FS, with light.

Smith & Wesson .38 Airweight revolver, loaded with five rounds.

### INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Edwardo Sanchez, Deputy Sheriff, # Central Patrol Division East Los Angeles Station

**Work History** 

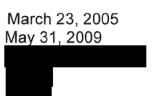
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Smith & Wesson .38 Airweight revolver, loaded with five rounds.

### SUSPECT INFORMATION

Eduardo Romero

Male, Hispanic, DOB: December 15, 1994, 5'11", 175 pounds

CII # , MAIN # , FBI #

IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Romero's criminal history is included in this Investigative Summary, as [EXHIBIT C].

On October 8, 2014, Suspect Romero was interviewed by Homicide Sergeant Jeff Cochran and Detective Gene Morse. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book [EXHIBIT A, pages 65-66]. See transcribed interview, as [Homicide Transcribed Interview for Suspect Eduardo Romero].

### SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Romero sustained gunshot wounds to his right upper arm and forearm; multiple gunshot wounds to his lower left leg; one gunshot wound to the anterior

left leg/knee; and one gunshot wound which penetrated/exited both the right and left buttocks [EXHIBIT A, pages 62-63].

### **DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES**

There were no injuries to deputy personnel, as a result of this incident.

### PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located by Homicide Sergeant Jeff Cochran and Detective Gene Morse and collected by Forensic Identification Specialists David Alonso and Yvette Gonzalez, along with Senior Criminalist Anny Wu from the Sheriff's Crime Lab. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was located, see the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 186-209]**.

### **INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS**

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Sergeant Jeff Cochran and Detective Gene Morse [EXHIBIT A, page 45-46]. Their description of the scene was consistent with IAB Investigator's observations. The scene was also photographed by the aforementioned Sheriff's Crime Lab personnel. See the four CD's containing crime scene pictures, which will be attached to this Investigative Summary as [EXHIBIT D].

### **WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY ROBLES**

Deputy Robles fired eight rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from her Department issued Beretta 92FS, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist Anny Wu of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, page 187]**.

Fifteen expended 9mm casings were recovered at the scene **[EXHIBIT A, page 192]**.

Date last qualified:

Date last trained with weapon:



### WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY SANCHEZ

Deputy Sanchez fired seven rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith and Wesson M&P, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist Anny Wu of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, page 186]**.

Fifteen expended 9mm casings were recovered at the scene [EXHIBIT A, page 192].

Date last qualified:		
Date last trained with	weapon:	

### WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT ROMERO

Suspect Romero possessed a loaded .38 special revolver.

### PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT ROMERO

None

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into the shooting was handled by Sergeant Jeff Cochran and Detective Gene Morse of the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Homicide Bureau.

### LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The scene was illuminated by an overhead street light at the location. The weather was clear and cool.

### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY EVA ROBLES**

On October 8, 2014, Deputy Robles was interviewed by Homicide Sergeant Jeff Cochran and Detective Gene Morse. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book [EXHIBIT A, pages 56-60]. See transcribed interview, as [Homicide Transcribed Interview for Involved Employee Deputy Eva Robles].

On April 13, 2016, Deputy Eva Robles was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant and Sergeant Brenda Gibson. See transcribed interview, as [IAB Transcribed Interview for Involved Employee Deputy Eva Robles]. During the interview, Deputy Robles diagramed the incident [EXHIBIT E].

### INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY EDWARDO SANCHEZ

On October 8, 2014, Deputy Sanchez was interviewed by Homicide Sergeant Jeff Cochran and Detective Gene Morse. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book [EXHIBIT A, pages 51-56]. See transcribed interview, as [Homicide Transcribed Interview for Involved Employee Deputy Edwardo Sanchez].

On April 13, 2016, Deputy Edwardo Sanchez was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant and Sergeant Brenda Gibson. See

transcribed interview, as **[IAB Transcribed Interview for Involved Employee Deputy Edwardo Sanchez].** During the interview, Deputy Robles diagramed the incident **[EXHIBIT F]**.

A compact disc containing the digital audio recordings of both interviews, will be attached to this investigative summary, as **[EHIBIT D]**.

# WITNESS On October 8, 2014, was interviewed by Homicide Sergeant Jeff Cochran and Detective Gene Morse at East Los Angeles station. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book [EXHIBIT A, page 49-50]. See transcribed interview, as [Homicide Transcribed Interview for Witness] WITNESS

On October 8, 2014, was interviewed by Homicide Sergeant Jeff Cochran and Detective Gene Morse at East Los Angeles station. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book [EXHIBIT A, page 50]. See transcribed interview, as [Homicide Transcribed Interview for Witness